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**The European Communities (Lawyer's Practice and
Services of Lawyers) (Amendment) Regulations 2008**

Made - - - - *15th January 2008*
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The Lord Chancellor is a Minister designated⁽¹⁾ for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽²⁾, in relation to matters relating to the practice of the profession of lawyer.

The Lord Chancellor makes the following Regulations in exercise of his powers conferred by section 2(2) of, as read with paragraph 1A of Schedule 2⁽³⁾ to, the European Communities Act 1972.

These Regulations make provision for a purpose mentioned in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and it appears to the Lord Chancellor that it is expedient for the references to the following Directives to be construed as references to those Directives as amended from time to time. Those Directives are: Council Directive [77/249/EEC](#)⁽⁴⁾ of the European Parliament and the Council of 22nd March 1977 to facilitate the effective exercise by lawyers of freedom to provide services; and Council Directive [98/5/EC](#)⁽⁵⁾ of the European Parliament and the Council of 16th February 1998 to facilitate the practice of the profession of lawyer on a permanent basis in a Member State other than that in which the qualification was obtained.

(1) [S.I. 2000/738](#).

(2) [1972 c.68](#); Section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act [2006 \(c.51\)](#) and modified by paragraph 15(3) of Schedule 8 to the Scotland Act [1998 \(c.46\)](#).

(3) Paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 was inserted by section 28 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act [2006 \(c.51\)](#).

(4) OJ No L 078, 2603.77, p.0017 – 0018 as amended by Council Directive [2006/100/EC](#).

(5) OJ No L77, 14.03.98, p.36 - 43 as amended by Council Directive [2006/100/EC](#).